

August 12 Ohio Capital Journal: Ohio economic developer Jobs Ohio loans \$2 million to company headed by insider.

It should be no surprise to those who were paying attention to public policy development when Jobs Ohio was initiated by the Kasich administration. Jobs Ohio was created as a publicly-funded private corporation to do a big chunk of the work of the Department of Development. As a private entity, Jobs Ohio operates largely out of the public view. The salary of employees of Jobs Ohio looms large compared to Department of Development employees. Accountability and transparency are quite limited.

The Jobs Ohio operation is akin to the operation of private voucher schools and charter schools. Fraud and corruption in charter schools is a matter of record. Regarding private schools, taxpayers have no access to information regarding how private schools spend tax dollars received.

Ohioans need to be aware that as public functions are transferred to private operators, transparency and accountability are lost to the taxpaying public.

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